

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An apparatus for storing predetermined multimedia information, comprising:

at least a first telephony platform ~~for receiving~~ which receives a command from a user's access device and ~~for generating~~ generates a menu containing criteria options relating to at least one of a music track and a video track so that the user can make a selection; and

a first storage location coupled to said at least said first telephony platform, wherein said first storage location stores at least a part of said predetermined multimedia information, said predetermined multimedia information corresponding to said at least one of a music track and a video track, and

wherein said first telephony platform has said predetermined multimedia information downloaded to an email address or a computer network address.

2. (previously presented): The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
a second storage location coupled to said at least said first telephony platform,
wherein said first storage location and said second storage location store said at least said part of said predetermined multimedia information,

wherein a first multimedia portion of said predetermined multimedia information is stored in said first storage location and a second multimedia portion of said predetermined multimedia information is stored in said second storage location,

wherein said at least said first telephony platform selectively reproduces one of said first multimedia portion and said second multimedia portion as a selected multimedia portion based on said at least one multimedia command, and

wherein said at least said first telephony platform outputs said selected multimedia portion to said access device.

3. (previously presented): The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said predetermined multimedia information comprises at least one of music information and video information.

4. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein said predetermined multimedia information comprises a first music track group, and

wherein said first multimedia portion contains a first music track of said first music track group and said second multimedia portion contains a second music track of said first music track group.

5. (previously presented): The apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said first storage location comprises a first mailbox and said second storage location comprises a second mailbox,

wherein said at least one multimedia command comprises a plurality of menu navigation inputs,

wherein said menu navigation inputs correspond to responses to said musical criteria options, and

wherein said at least said first telephony platform determines that said user desires to access said first music track stored in said first mailbox based on said menu navigation inputs.

6. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein said menu navigation inputs comprise at least one input from the group of artist name of said first music track, album name containing said first music track, and type of music of said first music track.

7. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said first music track group corresponds to an album, and

wherein said first music track and said second music track correspond to music tracks on said album.

8. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said at least one multimedia command comprises a purchasing command, and

wherein said user can purchase said selected multimedia portion by inputting said purchasing command.

9. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein said purchasing command instructs said at least said first telephony platform to have a copy of at least said selected multimedia portion mailed to a postal address of said user.

10. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein said purchasing command instructs said at least said first telephony platform to have a copy of at least said selected multimedia portion downloaded to a computer network address of said user.

11. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said at least one multimedia command comprises a purchasing command, and

wherein said user can purchase said album by inputting said purchasing command.

12. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said purchasing command instructs said at least said first telephony platform to have a copy of said album mailed to a postal address of said user.

13. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said purchasing command instructs said at least said first telephony platform to have a copy of said album downloaded to a computer network address of said user.

14. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said at least one multimedia command comprises a save command,

wherein said first music track corresponds to said selected multimedia portion,

wherein, after selecting said first music track, said user saves first data corresponding to said first music track in a user memory portion coupled to said at least said first telephony platform by inputting said save command, and

wherein said user memory portion is assigned to said user.

15. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein said first data is music data of said first music track.

16. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein said first data is pointer data that identifies said first storage location containing said first music track.

17. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein said predetermined multimedia information comprises an additional music track,

wherein said user saves additional data corresponding to said additional music track in said user memory portion after selecting said additional music track by inputting an additional save command via said access device, and

wherein said first music track and said additional music track correspond to at least some saved tracks.

18. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein said at least one multimedia command comprises a purchasing command, and

wherein said user can purchase a customized album containing said saved tracks by inputting said purchasing command.

19. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 18, wherein said purchasing command instructs said at least said first telephony platform to have a copy of said customized album mailed to a postal address of said user or downloaded to a computer network address of said user.

20. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein said at least one multimedia command comprises a radio playback command, and

wherein said at least said first telephony platform sequentially outputs said saved tracks to said access device in response to said radio playback command.

21. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said at least one multimedia command comprises a forwarding command, and

wherein said at least said first telephony platform forwards said selected multimedia portion to a second access device of a second user in response to said forwarding command.

22. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein said second user is part of a distribution list of a plurality of recipient users, and

wherein said distribution list has been created by said user and stored in said at least said first telephony platform prior to inputting said forwarding command.

23. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said at least one multimedia command comprises a forwarding command, and

wherein said at least said first telephony platform forwards said selected multimedia portion to a storage location corresponding to a second access device of a second user in response to said forwarding command.

24. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 23, wherein said second user is part of a distribution list of a plurality of recipient users, and

wherein said distribution list has been created by said user and stored in said at least said first telephony platform prior to inputting said forwarding command.

25. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said at least one multimedia command comprises an information command, and

wherein said at least said first telephony platform outputs an information message to said access device containing additional information relating to said selected multimedia portion.

26. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said at least one multimedia access command comprises a multiple user session command, and

wherein said at least said first telephony platform connects said access device of said user with access devices of other users who are interested in topics relating to said selected multimedia portion so that said user and said other users can communicate in a multiple user session.

27. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 26, wherein said multiple user session corresponds to a telephone party line.

28. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 26, wherein said multiple user session corresponds to a chat room.

29-56. (canceled).

57. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first telephony platform includes:

means for managing;

means for storing messages;

means for converting a telephone signal into a message suitable for the telephony platform; and

means for generating control signals for the telephony platform.

58. (original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 57, further including a high-speed backbone that interconnects the means for managing, the means for storing messages, the means for converting and the means for generating control signals.

59. (currently amended): An apparatus for storing predetermined multimedia information, comprising:

first telephony platform means for receiving a command from a user's wireless access device for generating a menu containing criteria options relating to at least one of a music track and a video track so that the user can select an option pertaining to said at least one of a music track and a video track; and

a first storage location coupled to said first telephony platform, wherein said first storage location stores information pertaining to said at least one of a music track and a video track,

wherein said first telephony platform means has said predetermined multimedia information downloaded to at least one of an email address and a computer network address.

60. (currently amended): An apparatus for storing predetermined multimedia information, comprising:

at least a first telephony platform ~~for receiving which receives~~ a purchasing command from a user initiated telephone call and ~~for generating generates~~ a menu containing musical criteria options relating to music tracks so that a user can listen to at least a portion of a selected music track through the telephone and purchase music information corresponding to the selected music track; and

a first storage location coupled to said first telephony platform, wherein said first storage location stores information pertaining to said music track, and

wherein said first telephony platform has said predetermined multimedia information downloaded to an email address or a computer network address.

61. (previously presented): The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said access device is a telephone.

62. (new): A method of accessing stored predetermined multimedia information, comprising:

providing at least a first telephony platform and a first storage location coupled to said at least said first telephony platform;

storing a music track or video track in said first storage location coupled to said at least said first telephony platform;

receiving at least one command from a user's access device;

generating a menu containing criteria options relating to at least one of said music track or video track so that the user makes a selection; and

downloading said at least one of said music track or video track that corresponds to the selection made by the user to an email address or computer network address.

63. (new): The method as claimed in claim 62, wherein said at least one command corresponds to at least one of an artist name, album name, and type of music.

64. (new): The method as claimed in claim 62, wherein said at least one command comprises a purchasing command, and

wherein said method further comprises:

inputting said purchasing command via said access device to purchase said at least one of said music track or video track.

65. (new): The method as claimed in claim 64, wherein said purchasing command instructs said at least said first telephony platform to have a copy of said at least one of said music track or video track downloaded to a computer of said user.

66. (new): The method as claimed in claim 62, wherein said at least one command comprises a save command, and said method further comprises,

after making said selection, saving first data corresponding to said at least one of a music track or video track in a user memory portion coupled to said at least said first telephony platform by inputting said save command, wherein said user memory portion is assigned to said user.

67. (new): The method as claimed in claim 66, wherein said at least one command comprises a playback command, and

wherein said method further comprises:

sequentially outputting said saved first data to said access device in response to said playback command.

68. (new): The method as claimed in claim 62, wherein said at least one command comprises a forwarding command, and said method further comprises,

forwarding said at least one of a music track or video track corresponding to said selection to a second access device of a second user in response to said forwarding command.

69. (new): The method as claimed in claim 68, wherein said second user is part of a distribution list of a plurality of recipient users, and

wherein said distribution list has been created by said user and stored in said at least first telephony platform prior to inputting said forwarding command.

70. (new): The method as claimed in claim 62, wherein said at least one command comprises a multiple user session command, and

wherein said method further comprises:

connecting said access device of said user with access devices of other users who are interested in topics relating to said at least one of said music track or video track so that said user and said other users can communicate in a multiple user session.

71. (new): The method as claimed in claim 70, wherein said multiple user session corresponds to a telephone party line.

72. (new): The method as claimed in claim 70, wherein said multiple user session corresponds to a chat room.

73. (new): The method as claimed in claim 62, wherein said access device is a telephone.

74. (new): An apparatus for storing predetermined multimedia information, comprising:
at least a first telephony platform which receives a command from a user's access device and generates a menu containing criteria options relating to a music track so that the user can make a selection; and

a first storage location coupled to said at least said first telephony platform, wherein said first storage location stores at least a part of said predetermined multimedia information, said predetermined multimedia information corresponding to a music track, and

wherein said menu includes an option to enter a telephone number corresponding to another device, to which said music track is forwarded.

75. (new): The apparatus as claimed in claim 74, wherein said another device is a telephone or voice mail box.

76. (new): The apparatus as claimed in claim 75, wherein said music track is reproduced when said telephone is answered or said voice mail box is activated.

77. (new): The apparatus as claimed in claim 74, wherein the user may forward a personal voice message with said music track.

78. (new): A method of accessing stored predetermined multimedia information, comprising:

providing at least a first telephony platform and a first storage location coupled to said at least said first telephony platform;

storing a music track in said first storage location coupled to said at least said first telephony platform;

receiving at least one command from a user's access device;

generating a menu containing criteria options relating to said music track so that the user makes a selection, said menu including an option to enter a telephone number corresponding to another device; and

sending said music track to said another device.

79. (new): The method as claimed in claim 78, wherein said another device is a telephone or voice mail box.

80. (new): The method as claimed in claim 79, wherein said music track is reproduced when said telephone is answered or said voice mail box is activated.

81. (new): The method as claimed in claim 78, wherein the user may forward a personal voice message with said music track.